GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3169
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LOKTAK HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Loktak Hydro Power Project;

(b) whether the Government is facing any problem in the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(d) whether farmers have lost agricultural land due to inundation caused by this project; and

(e) if so, the details of compensation paid to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : Loktak Hydroelectric Project was set up with installed capacity of 105 MW (3x35 MW). The generating capacity of the project has been derated to 90 MW (3x30 MW) w.e.f. 3rd July, 2008. The Power Station is presently under operation with two units and one unit is under shutdown with effect from 19.11.2008 for Renovation & Modernization (R&M) activities. The R&M activities are expected to be completed by the year 2009-10.

(b) & (c) : No specific problem with regard to technical operation of the project has been brought to notice of the Government.

(d) & (e): According to NHPC, a Committee constituted by the Hon`ble High Court of Guwahati has inter alia held that an estimated area of land affected by the Loktak Power Station is 27404.94 acres of 12,129 pattadars who are to be compensated. However, NHPC is of the view that the lands of pattadars lies between 770 meters to 771 meters above Mean Sea Level (MSL) that is much above the maximum water level maintained by the Loktak Power Station and as such submergence, if any, could not be caused by the water of Loktak Lake. The matter is still subjudice before the Hon`ble Guwahati High Court (Imphal Bench).